







RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

# **Olentangy Trail Completion**

## **Clinton-Como Park to Northmoor Park**



## Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Neighborhood Connections, Safety Improvements

PID 112036

#### What

The Olentangy Trail is a 14-mile, dedicated shareduse path, except for a .6 mile gap from Clinton-Como Park to Northmoor Park where trail users must share city streets with motor vehicles along a one-mile, on-street segment of signed trail.

This gap diverts bicyclists to ride on a narrow street along Milton Avenue; approach and cross North Broadway Street; and navigate constricted sections of other two-way streets. Three segments of this route combine car and bicycle trail traffic.

### Why

The Olentangy Trail is the busiest trail in Central Ohio with more than 1,000 bicycle and pedestrian trips a day on several segments of it. Completing the trail is a priority for the City of Columbus, the Clintonville neighborhood and Central Ohio Greenways.

When complete, there will be a seamless 14-mile regional trail that connects 30,000 residents; hundreds of office and commercial centers, schools and parks; and a major health campus to Columbus' trail network. The result will be a safer, more comfortable experience for thousands of trail users who today must navigate a narrow on-street segment of the route.

#### Where

The trail runs from Worthington to downtown Columbus, through several neighborhoods along the Olentangy River, with trailheads at several major city parks including Antrim Park and Whetstone Park. The path also travels through the heart of The Ohio State University campus.

#### **Location Map**



#### How

This project has been made possible through funding from the City of Columbus, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

#### Who

The City of Columbus owns and manages the popular Olentangy Trail. The trail is also a Central Ohio Greenways Trail and will be part of the Green Belt Network currently being built by Columbus Recreation and Parks.

#### Learn more and give feedback at:

columbus.gov/recreationandparks/trails/Olentangy-Trail/

#### **Timeline**

The city started the trail completion planning process in fall 2020

#### Fall 2020

**Feasibility Study** 

#### Winter 2021

Stakeholder & Public Meetings

Identify Preferred
Alternative, Public
Notification of the Preferred
Alternative, Detailed
Environmental Studies
& Engineering

#### **Spring-Summer 2021**

Detailed Environmental Studies and Engineering

#### Fall 2021-End of 2022

Purchase Easements & Prepare Construction Plans

2023-2024

Construction







